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For: RUBBER-STEEL CORD COMPOSITE AND PNEUMATIC TIRE
FOR PASSENGER CARS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is amended as follows:

Replace the first full paragraph on page 1 with the following paragraph:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/302,999 filed April 30, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. The present invention relates to a rubber-steel cord composite and a pneumatic tire for passenger cars. More particularly, it relates to a rubber-steel cord composite showing excellent adhesion at high temperatures and excellent durability, and a pneumatic tire for passenger cars showing excellent durability without any adverse effect on performance in an inflated condition in which pressure inside the tire (hereinafter referred to as internal pressure) is maintained and which can be safely used under decreased internal pressure.

Replace the fourth full paragraph on page 2 with the following paragraph:

It is suggested in JP-A 56-131404 that a cord having a 1+5 structure may be formed using a core filament made to have a slightly wavy shape. However, because the diameter of the